



JOSHUA 24:14-15 (NLT)

14 "So fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD alone. 15 But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."



1. CHOOSE WHOM YOU WILL SERVE

What are the modern gods we've grown comfortable with?

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¹⁶ The people replied, "We would never abandon the LORD and serve other gods. 17 For the LORD our God is the one who rescued us and our ancestors from slavery in the land of Egypt. He performed mighty miracles before our very eyes. As we traveled through the wilderness among our enemies, he preserved us. 18 It was the LORD who drove out the Amorites and the other nations living here in the land. So we, too, will serve the LORD, for he alone is our God."

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19 Then Joshua warned the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy and jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. 20 If you abandon the LORD and serve other gods, he will turn against you and destroy you, even though he has been so good to you."

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²¹ But the people answered Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" ²² "You are a witness to your own decision," Joshua said. "You have chosen to serve the LORD."

"Yes," they replied, "we are witnesses to what we have said." ²³ "All right then," Joshua said, "destroy the idols among you, and turn your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."



2. DESTROY THE IDOLS

What takes our best time, energy or affection?

What are we willing to do to re-focus?

JOSHUA 24:23-24 (NLT)

²³ "All right then," Joshua said, "destroy the idols among you, and turn your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." ²⁴ The people said to Joshua, "We will serve the LORD our God. We will obey him alone."



JUDGES 2:7-10 (NLT)

⁷ And the Israelites served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and the leaders who outlived him those who had seen all the great things the LORD had done for Israel. ⁸ Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of 110. 9 They buried him in the land he had been allocated, at Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. 10 After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the LORD or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel.

3. SERVE THE LORD WITH SINCERITY AND FAITHFULNESS

Following God doesn't mean never failing

- it means choosing daily to return to him

